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Timely Tidbits ...

New Headquarters for Gore/Lieberman

Michigan's Gore/Lieberman campaign headquarters has been moved to 8445 East Jefferson Street, Detroit, Michigan 48214. The new office telephone number is 313-331-6480.

Congresswoman Hosts Coffee Hour

U.S. Representative Lynn Rivers will host a coffee hour at Bob Evans Restaurant (30987 Flynn Drive, Romulus) from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Monday, September 11.

For directions or further information, please call April Lewis in Rivers' district office in Ypsilanti (734-485-3741).

Cookbook Sale Aids Historical Society

Copies of the Romulus Historical Society's new cookbook, packed with favorite classic recipes, are still available for only \$5 each. Sales of the cookbook will help support the Society's goal of restoring and preserving Romulus' history.

To purchase your copy, stop in at the Historical Museum (near the Post Office on Hunt Street) on Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m., or call 734-697-9628.

Fund-raiser Benefits RHS Performing Arts

A special fund-raiser for the choir, dance, and drama programs at Romulus High School and Middle School began early this week and will continue for about three more, according to RHS instructor Judith Thompson-Barthwell.

Local residents are being contacted and asked to purchase items like delicious frozen pizza, gourmet coffee samplers, chunky chocolate-chip cookie dough, extra-life light bulbs, and durable trash bags. All products will be delivered to your doorstep at no extra charge.

For more information, contact Thompson-Barthwell at the High School (734-941-2170, ext. 503).

City Gears Up for Annual Pumpkin Festival



The good folks who staff the City's Hospitality Tent are a font of helpful information.

With the Third Annual Romulus Pumpkin Festival just one week away, volunteers are working feverishly to prepare for the annual event. Already, the downtown area is looking more festive, thanks to Jerilynn Burcroff, Connee Morris, Mary Oakley, and Mike and Midge Prybyla, who took time last Tuesday to plant beautiful mums (donated by the Block family of Block's Produce) at the heart of the festival site – the intersection of Goddard and Shook.

On Friday, September 15, the festival will kick off with the Second Annual

"Parade of Lights" – a shimmering spectacle that will depart from the City Hall parking lot (corner of Wayne and Goddard roads) at 8:15 p.m.; travel along Bibbins to Gabriel to Goddard; continue through the downtown area to the Romulus Wesleyan Church parking lot; and end at the Romulus Progressive Club on Ozga. Last year's parade was an enormous success, and this year's event promises to be even bigger and brighter than ever!

The remainder of the weekend will feature plenty of good food, entertainment, games, contests, hayrides, craft exhibits, and other street-fair attractions – and, of course, pumpkins. You won't want to miss a minute of fabulous, family-oriented fun!

The following is a tentative schedule of events for the Romulus Pumpkin Festival. For further details, including contest rules, pick up a festival booklet from Romulus City Hall or the Recreation/Senior Citizen Center, located at 36515 Bibbins.

Contests

Unless otherwise noted, all entries must be brought to the Recreation Center by 6 p.m. Friday, September 15. For more information, call 734-942-6852.

- Canning (entries must be homemade by the participant, and must be brought to the Recreation Center by 6 p.m. Wed., Sept. 13)
- Floral Arrangement (any fall theme accepted; entrants must register by calling the Recreation Center before 5 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 14)



As always, there will be plenty of seasonal and holiday craft items for sale.

- Pie Baking (four categories – pumpkin, sweet potato, peach, and apple)
- Most Creative Recipe That Uses Pumpkin (a written recipe must be submitted along with a sample of your creation)
- Pumpkin Growing (categories include biggest face, smallest face, tallest, best decorated, and best carved)
- Sunflower Growing (categories include biggest face, smallest face, tallest, and shortest)

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Appeals Court Rulings Stand in EDS Lawsuits

By Kristi Stephens

Seemingly interminable litigation regarding a hazardous-waste injection well on Wahrman Road may finally have come to an end.

In 1993, the City of Romulus filed a lawsuit in Wayne County Circuit Court, seeking an injunction against the company that had constructed the well: Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS). Despite its own attorney's previous opinions that state law preempted local control of such facilities, Romulus claimed that the well was not a permitted use within the site area, which was zoned M-1 (light industrial). In response, EDS filed a \$100-million counter-suit.

The following year, then-Judge

Claudia Morcom ruled in the City's favor on the injunction and the counter-suit. EDS took both cases to the State Court of Appeals, which eventually overturned the injunction, but upheld the counter-suit decision. Romulus sought to appeal the new ruling in the Michigan Supreme Court; EDS attempted to appeal its counter-suit. On August 22, the Supreme Court denied the applications for appeal, effectively upholding the appellate court's decisions and bringing both lawsuits to a close.

When asked for his reaction to the Supreme Court's decisions, Mayor William Oakley said he wasn't at all surprised. "I think that most people expected it to go that way, but felt that we

couldn't take a chance on not making the attempt," he stated. "In my opinion, it was a ploy; a play for time."

EDS President Doug Wicklund said he was "delighted" with the preemption ruling, since it gives his company a "green light" to pursue a well facility at the Wahrman location, but he acknowledged his disappointment regarding the counter-suit, and indicated that other damages claims may still be filed.

"EDS will be consulting with its attorney to determine if additional claims may be made as a result of the wrongful commencement of the 1993 lawsuit on 'preemption,'" said Wicklund.

"We have no ill will for the citizens of
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Guest Commentary

Maintaining the Wall Between Church and State

By Kimberly Blaker

The religious-right has been trying to break down the wall of separation between church and state almost since the time the Bill of Rights was adopted. New church/state entanglements arise almost on a daily basis. In recent weeks, some of the violations that have arisen include a "Jesus Day" proclamation in Texas, by Governor George W. Bush; a U.S. House vote supporting Ohio's new state motto, "With God, all things are possible"; and a voice vote by the U.S. House calling on public schools to display "In God We Trust."

Of course, these are just a few recent entanglements that have slipped through the system. The religious-right's attempt to destroy the religious freedom of others knows no bounds. They push to have creationism taught in public schools and textbooks, and the Ten Commandments posted in public buildings; they are responsible for adding the words "under God" to the American pledge of allegiance, 62 years after it was first published.

Just this summer, there was once again an attempt to put prayer back in public schools. Fortunately, the June decision by the Supreme Court ended in a 6-3 vote, reaffirming the 1962 *Engel v. Vitale* ruling, which states that sanctioned prayer is "an unconstitutional attempt to establish religion."

In addition to these blatant violations of the First Amendment, the religious-right has repeatedly attempted to amend federal and state constitutions by using such deceiving titles as the "Religious Freedom Amendment." Many people ask, "Who wouldn't favor a religious freedom amendment?" Therefore, such bills often get the support of citizens who have not been informed of the misleading language that is used in the proposals. This leads to some very close calls in Congress.

What the religious-right really hopes to achieve through such amendments is more religious freedom for its followers, such as the right to proselytize any time and any place, which translates into less religious freedom for the public at large.

The United States already has a religious freedom amendment – it's the First! The First Amendment reads, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

However, religious freedom is not the only thing the Christian-right is at-

tempting to destroy. Their attempts to stomp personal freedoms, such as access to information, abortion, euthanasia, homosexual rights, women's rights, and birth control is seen daily. If they have their way, every freedom that Americans currently take for granted will be burnt on their high and mighty cross.

What is discouraging is that most of the violations of church and state could be stopped if Americans were not so apathetic. Unfortunately, many people don't understand the disaster that these mounting violations could create. The problem is that these violations give the appearance that *our* government favors *one* religion or belief over *another*, which leads to the misguided belief that America is a Christian nation. This leads to hostile feelings toward nonbelievers and people of other beliefs. It leads to discrimination not only in the private sector, but in government and public schools as well. Worst of all, it leads to theocracy!

If our founding fathers were alive today, they would wonder how America got to this point. Haven't we learned our lesson through the atrocities that have taken place throughout history? Or have our schools just not taught us about the Crusades, the Inquisition, the Holocaust, the witch trials, and many other horrendous acts and wars which have all taken place under established Christianity? I, for one, hope my children don't live to see those days return.

The reason for the wall of separation, guaranteed to us in the First Amendment, is to protect our freedom of and from religion. Are we prepared to lose this right? It is being chipped away little by little. If we want *our* children to enjoy the freedom that *we* have had, we need to stand up for this right before it's too late; otherwise, we might as well just lie down and wait for the lightning to strike – because with an established fundamental-Christian nation, we will have no life.

Kimberly Blaker is a free-lance reporter for The Huron River Weekly. She also writes a column and has had articles and essays published in other newspapers and magazines. Blaker actively works to promote and protect the principle of separation of church and state.

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34th District Court Adds a "Foreign Connection"



Alex Lazouski (left) and Bettina Kreimer (right) have enjoyed studying the American justice system in the courtrooms of Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and Judge Brian A. Oakley.

The 34th District Court in Romulus added a foreign connection to its docket last week, as law students Bettina Kreimer, 22, of Munich, Germany, and Alex Lazouski, 19, of Misk, Belarus, visited Judges Tina Brooks-Green, Brian A. Oakley, and William J. Szlinis.

Lazouski is in his third of five years as a student at the BellaRussian State Economic University. The first-time visitor to America is a work-study program participant through Work Experience USA, and is employed as a carnival worker at Family Amusements in New Boston, a local operation that travels the State of Michigan throughout the summer.

Lazouski's temporary four-month visa expires at the end of September, when he will return to his own country.

During some off-time last week, Lazouski rode his bike to the Romulus Public Library, and discovered the adja-

cent 34th District Court building. He asked the judges if he could tour the facility and learn more about the American legal system.

"I saw the courthouse and I was quite surprised," said Lazouski. "It was my dream to visit an American court."

Lazouski's parents are both engineers; his older brother is an economist.

In 1995, Kreimer was an exchange student living in Romulus with her host family, Terry and Piper Myers. She studied and graduated from Romulus High School, then returned to her native country, where she enrolled in Ludwig-Maximilian University. She is now in the fourth year of a six-year law program.

As part of her studies, Kreimer must participate in a three-month internship, so she returned to the United States and is again staying with the Myers family. She is also sharpening up those "legal eagle" skills at the law firm of Oakley & Robinson under the watchful eyes of lawyers Susanne Oakley and Stephen Robinson.

Although Lazouski and Kreimer were not acquainted, they found themselves, by chance, in the same court and traveling the same career path. The two fostered an instant friendship cemented by their mutual interests.

"How it happened, I don't know — but it's great," said Kreimer.

Both students, who speak fluent English, learned court procedures, sat in the courtrooms of Judges Green and Oakley, and listened to an actual jury trial.

In Germany and Russia, they noted, there are no jury trials; decisions are made by the appointed judges. □

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Miller Attends Education Conference



Simona Miller

Simona Miller, a fifth-grade teacher at Cory Elementary School, attended the National Conference on Civic Education recently. The conference was sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and held in Washington, D.C.

Miller, who worked with Congresswoman Lynn Rivers, will be the 13th District's coordinator for an organization called "We the People – the Citizen and the Constitution." Her role will be to inform other teachers and school districts about the program and the benefits it can bring to the social-studies curriculum.

The program also offers free text materials to interested teachers.

School Year Begins on Positive Note

Joel Carr, Superintendent of the Romulus Community Schools, received a warm welcome as he greeted the district's 400+ employees at a special "opening of school" session held at the High School late last month. Employees had time to renew acquaintances and catch up on summer news at a breakfast in the lobby before assembling in the auditorium.

Carr began the session by introducing the members of his new executive team, including Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources; William Routhier, Director of Business/Operations; Donald Morris, Director of Maintenance; Shirley Lamberson, Director of Transportation; Carole Bales, Executive Secretary to the Superintendent; and Robin Omev,

Executive Secretary to the Director of Human Resources. Carr noted his satisfaction that the new school year is beginning with contracts in place for all the district's major labor groups. He also pointed out many of the outstanding educational opportunities that are enjoyed by our district's students, but are unavailable in most of the neighboring districts.

The program also featured a rendition of "The Greatest Love of All" – performed by Ellen Bragg, administrative office receptionist and director of the 21st Century Program's choir – as well as a drawing for gifts.

Employees then went on to their buildings in order to prepare for the opening of school on August 29.

Note: See opposite page for photos of "opening of school" attendees.

Investigators Find Evidence of Arson

The on-scene portion of an investigation into a fire that occurred on Sunday, August 20, at C.C. Mid West, Inc. (located at 29129 Ecorse Road in Romulus) has been completed, Romulus Fire Chief David Allison reports.

Investigators from the Romulus fire and police departments; the Downriver Arson Task Force; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) Detroit Field Division; the ATF Midwest National Response Team; and the Detroit Police Department K-9 Arson Unit have determined that the fire – which resulted in a multi-million-dollar loss in property – was incendiary in nature, having been willfully set.

Due to the criminal nature of the fire, the Romulus Police Department and the ATF are conducting further investigations; however, due to the necessity of maintaining the integrity

of the investigation, no investigative information is being released at this time. No arrests have been made.

Concerned citizens who have information regarding this case are asked to contact investigators by calling one of the anonymous toll-free hotline numbers (800-44-ARSON or 888-ATF-FIRE), or by e-mailing the ATF (www.atf.treas.gov/field/detroit) or the Romulus Police Department (investigations@romuluspd.com).

Allison concluded his report by giving credit where credit was due.

"The investigative agencies would like to recognize the City of Taylor and the Wayne County Detroit Metro Airport fire departments for their diligent response to combat this three-alarm fire," said Allison. "A total of approximately 60 first-responders (police and fire) as well as approximately 40 fire investigators have labored at the fire scene."



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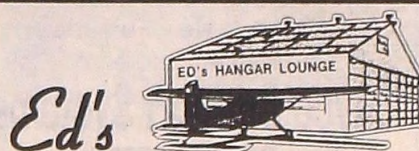
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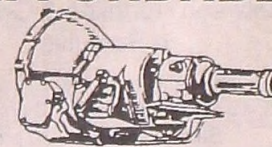
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School Year Begins



(From left) Channon Washington (teacher, Community High) and Paula Harper (English teacher, Romulus High School).



(From left) Ken Berlinn (Vice-president, Romulus Board of Education), Leota McCraight (Transportation Department), Gloria Tipton (Maintenance Department), Billy McCraight (Board Trustee), and Don Morris (Director of Maintenance and Operations).



(From left) Becky (Bales) Montroy (fourth-grade teacher, Barth) and Carole Bales (executive secretary to the Superintendent).



(From left) Susan Saint Angelo (culinary-arts teacher, Romulus High School), Darin Shelby (Romulus Police Officer in residence, Romulus High School), Phyllis Wilkerson (life-management teacher, Romulus High School), and Mel Kimbrough (Principal, Romulus Middle School).



(From left) Mark Fernandez (Band Director, Romulus Middle School), Paul Neidermeyer (science teacher, Romulus High School), Alan Lambert (Treasurer, Romulus Board of Education), and Jason Balcom (wrestling coach, Romulus High School).



(From left) Tiffany Markavich (second-grade teacher, Wick), Kim Panek (first-grade teacher, Wick), Billy McCraight (Trustee, Board of Education), and Paula Barnes (fourth-grade teacher, Wick).



(From left) front row – Shirley Lamberson (Director of Transportation), and Judy Frederick (Maintenance Department); back row – Chris Harris, Opal McClendon, and Lorraine Demeter (administrative secretaries).

Romulus Pumpkin Festival

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- Parade of Lights (prizes for first, second, and third place; call Deanna or Donna Osborne at 734-941-3008)

Other Contests/Games

- Rollerblade Hockey Tournament (Sat., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; sponsored by Romulus Wesleyan Church; to register, call Pastor Steve Adams at 734-941-1511)
- Pumpkin Rolling (Sat., 1 p.m.)
- Seed Spitting (Sat., 2 p.m.)
- Hay Rolling (Sat., 3 p.m.)
- Hula-Hoop (Sat., 4:30 p.m.; and Sun., 3 p.m.)
- Sack Race (Sat., 5 p.m.)
- Shoe Race (Sat., 5:30 p.m.)
- Diaper Derby (Sun., 12:30 p.m.)
- Pie Eating (Sun., 1 p.m.)

Entertainment

- DJ Gerry Gratiot's "Light Show" (Fri., 9 p.m.)
- "Rivers of Living Waters Ministries Youth Choir" (Sat., 12 p.m.)
- "Sassy Seniors" (Sat., 12:30 p.m.)
- "Pulse 360" (Sat., 1 p.m.)
- "Step-in-Line" (Sat., 3:30 p.m.)
- "Excalibur" Karaoke w/Paul Estigoy (Sat., 5 p.m.)
- "Syndicated Sound" (Sat., 8 p.m.)
- K-9 Officers "Smokey & Bandit" (Sun., 11:45 a.m.)
- "Carey Ann's Clown Capers/Family Concert" (Sun., 12 p.m.)

- "Deux Blue" (Sun., 1 p.m.)
- "Romulus Cloggers" (Sun., 3 p.m.)
- "Bad Habit" (Sun., 4 p.m.)

Miscellaneous Attractions

- Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at the Recreation Center (Sat., 7 to 11 a.m.)
- Senior Center Crafts (Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.)
- Used-book Sale (Sat., 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sun., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.)
- Kids' Craft Time (Sat., 2 p.m.)
- Spaghetti Dinner at the Community United Methodist Church (Sat., 4:30 to 6 p.m.; children under 3 free)

Don't Forget To Say "Thanks"

The success of the Pumpkin Festival is the result of a lot of hard work performed by many dedicated people. So while you're out enjoying yourself, why not take the time to say "thanks" to the volunteers who make the fun happen, especially Pumpkin Festival Committee Chairperson Maria Lambert and her fellow committee members: Laurie Berlinn, Rosalie Berlinn, Jerilynn Burcroff, Linda Collier, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Debbie Dick, Gerry Gratiot, Debra Hoffman, William Kren, Kathy Lindroth, Billy McCraight, Dave McCrory, Earl Michling, Bill Oakley, Brian Oakley, Susanne Oakley, Jean Pressler, Robert Pressler, Jim Rafalski, Phil Renke, Hubert Staten, Jim Whaley, Joanne Whaley, and Robert Youtsey. □

Appeals Court Rulings Stand

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Romulus," he continued. "Indeed, our intentions have always been to be a good corporate citizen. Our 'beef' is with those Romulus politicians who started the litigation in 1993, knowing full well that there was no legal basis for a lawsuit. They did it in order to assure their re-election to the Romulus City Council — nothing more, nothing less.

"Those actions have cost Romulus' taxpayers over \$1 million in legal fees and several more millions in lost royalty payments. They have also cost our company and our partners millions of dollars in extra costs and lost revenues.

"It is unfortunate for all of us that, thus far, those individuals have been able to thwart our attempts to bring them before the bar of justice to answer for their actions."

Wetlands Pre-hearing: September 19

Several years ago, as the Wahrman Road lawsuit dragged on, EDS attempted to address the City's zoning concerns by seeking an alternate site, zoned MT-2, on Citrin Drive. After applying for, and receiving, a permit to drill two injection wells, the company applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a Part 111 permit to construct and operate the above-ground treatment, storage, and disposal facility which must accompany such wells.

The lengthy application process that followed included the deliberation of a Site Review Board as well as applications for a number of related permits that are also required. Eventually, all auxiliary permits — including one for wetlands mitigation — were approved, and EDS awaited DEQ Director Russ Harding's final decision on the Part 111 permit.

But on July 31, 2000, the City of Romulus joined the City of Taylor and Wayne County to challenge the wetlands permit before the DEQ's Office of Administrative Hearings. According to Mayor Oakley, the trio's new attorneys have advised them to file a request for a "show cause" hearing rather than an injunction, since an injunction could leave the City vulnerable to liability claims if EDS prevails.

At present, no one is certain how long it will take to resolve the wetlands issue. State Representative Raymond Basham, who has strongly supported efforts to block EDS, recently stated, "Attorneys for the cities have indicated that it could take a year to 1½ years to complete the appeals process." Dennis Mack, a spokesperson for the Office of Administrative Hearings, confirmed that such a lengthy time frame is possible in complex cases; however, most are resolved considerably more quickly. □



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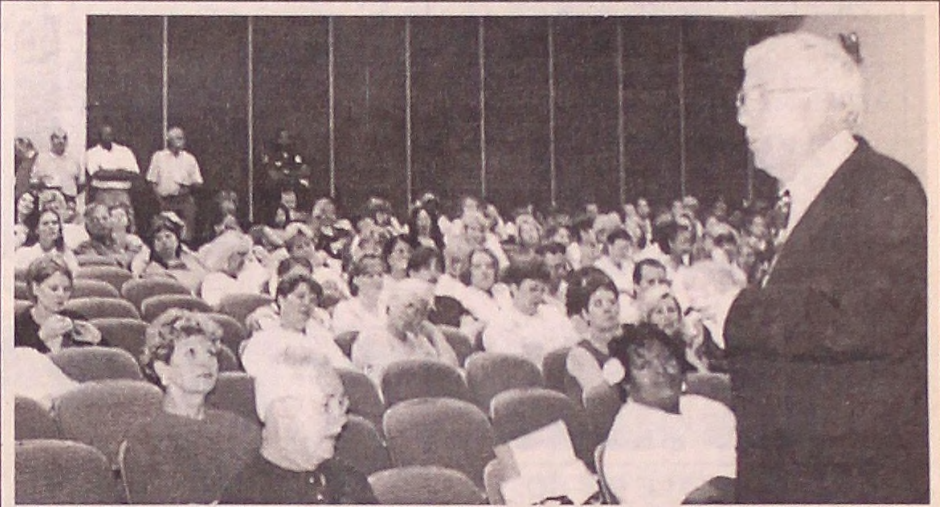
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Around the District



Work on Romulus Middle School's new football stadium should be completed in plenty of time for Romulus High School's homecoming game against Trenton on Friday, October 6.



Superintendent Joel Carr addressed employees at the opening session for the Romulus Community Schools, expressing his pleasure that all district labor groups have contracts in place for 2000-2001.



(From left) Jessica Case, Chrystal Case, and Christopher Case were among those who attended the Student Orientation Day program at Romulus Middle School.



Also attending the Middle School's Student Orientation Day were (from left) Charlene Duncan, Lindsay Green, Katrell Duncan, Doloris Garry, and Marcella Garry.



Facilitator Teri McCalister (back) works with Romulus Community Schools teachers (from left) Joe Murphy (Romulus Middle School), Sandy Godbout (Halecreek Elementary School), and Gary Banas (Romulus Middle School) during a recent internet training program that will help teachers find quality Web sites that have been reviewed and approved by educators.



Among those taking part in the North Central Association accreditation workshops, held at all Romulus schools on August 24, were teachers (from left): front row – Jason Kahler (English), Molly Schmidt (English), and Julia Salerno (business); back row – Paula Harper (English), Jason Balcom (biology), and Kathy Flanagan (foreign languages).

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Community Calendar

- **Special Events at Belleville Farmer's Market** – The City of Belleville is sponsoring a weekly Farmer's Market which will open at 8 a.m. each Saturday through October 28. The market is located in the Fourth Street parking lot behind the Museum at 405 Main Street. Vendors are invited to bring their fresh produce and food items, as well as homemade baked goods and other homemade food products to sell. A number of special events have been planned for the upcoming months. They include a **Gardening Demonstration** (September 9) and two **Baking Contests** (September 23 – recipes for baked pies using fruits; and October 21 – all types of baking recipes using pumpkin). Note: To help defray the costs of advertising and promotion, vendors will be charged \$8 per day per stall. For more information and/or vendor applications, call the Belleville City Clerk: 734-697-9323.
- **Book Signing** – Author Marvin V. Arnett will sign *Pieces from the Crazy Quilt*, the story of a bygone way of life during a racially turbulent period in Detroit. The signing will take place at Borders Books & Music–Dearborn on Monday, September 11, at 7 p.m. For more information, call 313-271-4441.
- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 12 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14. Special guests will include Pumpkin Festival Committee members Rosalie Berlinn (Romulus Community Schools) and Lieutenant James Rafalski (Romulus Police Department), who will answer questions about the festival, set for September 15–17; Dawn Bokon, "Parade of Lights" Committee Member, will discuss the September 15 parade; and Dave Paul, DPW Director, will update the community on the new DPW building slated to open its doors later this month. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, at Goddard) by 6:15 p.m. Beginning at 6 p.m., home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and his guests by calling 734-942-7571.
- **Hunter Safety** – A few spaces still remain in the upcoming Hunter Safety Program being co-sponsored by the Romulus Police Department and the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars. The two-day class will meet at the VFW Hall Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Applications are available at the Police Department (located on Olive just south of Goddard).
- **RHS Hosts First Annual Golf Outing** – Romulus High School's baseball program will host its first annual golf outing fund-raiser (four-person scramble format) on Saturday, September 23, at the Gateway Golf Club (located on Van Born in Romulus). A cost of \$75 per person covers 18 holes of golf with cart, a small bucket of range balls, a Gateway golf towel, a chicken or hamburger dinner, beer/pop on course, and other refreshments. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive (men and women), closest-to-the-pin (men and women), and low team score (men and women). For an extra charge, golfers can participate in a skins competition, putting contest, gimmick holes, and raffles. Payment is due September 14; mail participants' names and your check (made payable to "Romulus High School Baseball Team") to Keith Brothers at 38032 Walnut, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Note: Hole sponsors are still needed (\$100 per hole). For more info, call Keith Brothers at the Romulus Recreation Center (734-942-6852).
- **Bake/Rummage Sale** – Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.
- **Storytime at the Library** – "Zoo Animal Fun" is the theme of the Library's Fall Storytime Program for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten. Parents can choose between Tuesday evening (7 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.) sessions, which begin the week of October 10/12 and conclude the week of November 14/16. Each will feature an entertaining medley of stories, games, and crafts. Although this is a free program, preregistration is required, as space is limited. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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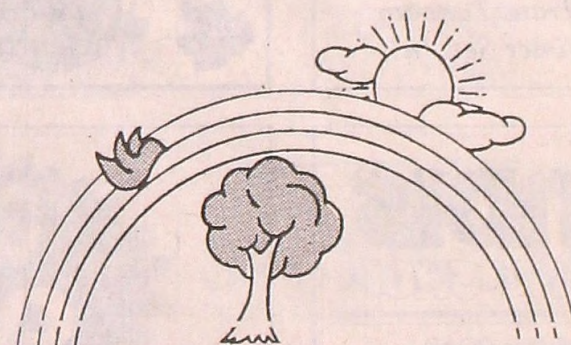
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Unless otherwise noted, classes are held at Romulus High School.

PARANORMAL

- Psychic Encounters (Tue., Sep. 26 through Oct. 10; 7 to 9 p.m.; \$42 fee; topics include "Spend an Evening with a Psychic," "Future Predictions," and "Tales from the Tarot")

ONE-DAY CRAFT CLASSES

- Halloween Pumpkin Jar (Tue., Sep. 26; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; \$7 fee + \$3 for supplies)
- Wooden Pilgrim Centerpiece (Tue., Oct. 24; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; \$7 fee + \$5 for supplies)
- Santa Claus Chalk Board (Tue., Nov. 14; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; \$7 fee + \$8 for supplies)
- Snow Buddy Sweatshirt (Tue., Dec. 5; 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; \$7 fee + \$2 for supplies)

OTHER CRAFTS

- Beginning Stained Glass (Wed., Sep. 20, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 1; 6:30 to 9 p.m.; \$45 fee + \$104 for supplies)
- Quick Holiday Crafts (Thur., Nov. 2 through Nov. 16; 6:30 to 9 p.m.; \$34 fee + \$50 for supplies)

DANCING

- Beg. Country Line Dancing (Mon., Sep. 11 through Oct. 16; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; \$20 fee)
- Beg. Country Line Dancing (Mon., Oct. 23 through Nov. 27; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; \$20 fee)
- Adv. Beg. Country Line Dancing (Mon., Dec. 4 through Jan. 8; 7 to 8:30 p.m.; \$15 fee)
- American-style Ballroom Dancing (Thur., Sep. 21 through Nov. 9; 7 to 8 p.m.; \$20 single fee/\$30 couple fee)
- Latin-style Ballroom Dancing (Thur., Sep. 21 through Nov. 9; 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.; \$20 single fee/\$30 couple fee)

SPORTS

- Hunter Safety (Class - Mon. through Thur., Sep. 25 through Sep. 28; 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Field Training - Sat., Sep. 30; Belleville Moose Family Center; \$5 fee)

DOG TRAINING

- Puppy Kindergarten (Mon., Sep. 18 through Nov. 6; 6 to 7 p.m.; Barth Elementary School; \$30 fee per dog)

- Beg. Dog Obedience (Mon., Sep. 18 through Nov. 6; 7 to 8 p.m.; Barth Elementary School; \$30 fee per dog)
- Adv. Open (Mon., Sep. 18 through Nov. 6; 8 to 9 p.m.; Barth Elementary School; \$30 fee per dog)

LIFE SKILLS

- "I'm Taking Care" Baby-sitting (ages 11 and up; Thur., Sep. 21 through Oct. 12; \$25 fee)
- CPR (Thur., Nov. 16; 6 to 9:30 p.m.; \$15 fee)

FINANCE

- Financial Resources To Wealth (Thur., Nov. 16; 6 to 9 p.m.; \$40 fee)
- Buying Your First Home (Tue., Sep. 12; 7 to 9 p.m.; free)
- Buying Your First Home (Wed., Oct. 10; 7 to 9 p.m.; free)

COMPUTERS

- Computers for Seniors, Step 1 (Tue. & Thur., Oct. 17 through Nov. 9; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$20 fee)
- Computers for Seniors, Step 2 (Tue. & Thur., Sep. 26 through Oct. 12; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$20 fee)
- Computers for Seniors, Step 2 (Tue. & Thur., Nov. 28 through Dec. 14; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$20 fee)
- Beg. Computers (Mon. & Wed., Oct. 9 through Nov. 2; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$30 fee)
- Introduction to the Internet (Mon. & Wed., Sep. 11 through Sep. 25; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$30 fee)
- Introduction to the Internet (Mon. & Wed., Nov. 20 through Dec. 4; 7 to 9 p.m.; Mt. Pleasant School; \$30 fee)

REC CENTER OFFERINGS

- Quilting (ongoing) (Thur., 7 to 9 p.m.; Recreation Center; per-evening fee)
- Ceramics (ongoing) (Mon., 1 to 3 p.m. or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Recreation Center; per-evening fee)
- Clogging (ongoing) (Mon., 6 to 7 p.m. for beginners, 7 to 8 p.m. for advanced; Recreation Center; \$20 for 10 weeks)
- Men's Drop-in Hoops (ongoing) (Tue., beginning Oct. 3; 8 to 10 p.m.; Romulus Middle School; \$2 per evening; must have Romulus I.D.)

Schedule subject to change

Six Computers Donated to School

Ed Horn, a social-studies teacher at Romulus High School, has received a donation of six E-Machine computers from his summer employer, an advertising firm called Jackson-Dawson.

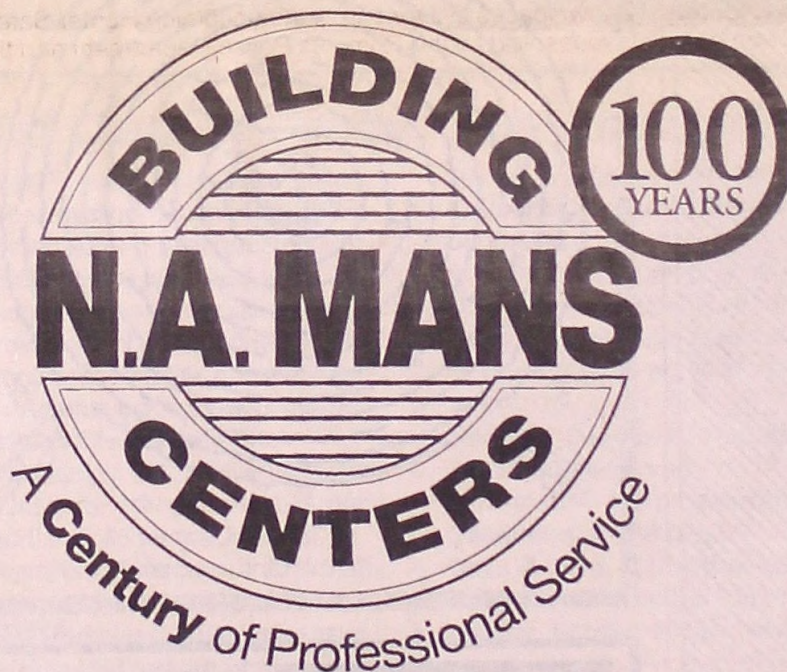
Horn says that he will use the computers in his Federal Government and World Affairs classes, where his students will be required to create visual presentations, Web sites, brochures, and newsletters as part of their class work. The E-Machines contain advanced graphics systems and special color printers that make them perfect for such projects.

Executives at Jackson-Dawson stated their belief that the class, using the special equipment that was donated, might serve as a mentorship/apprenticeship program and lead students into the advertising field after graduation.



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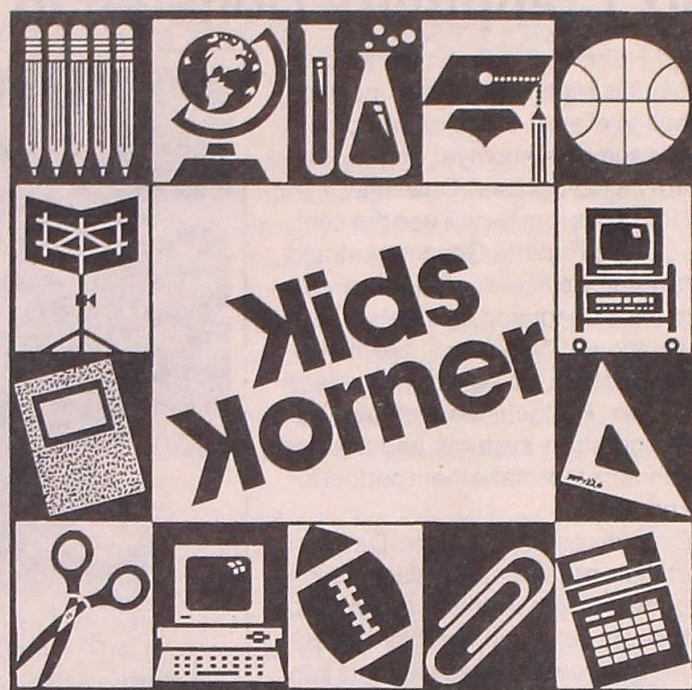


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LEMON/ORANGE SLURPER

You can handle this recipe alone. You will need:

- 1 lemon
- 1 orange
- 1 can or bottle of ginger ale
- Ice cubes

1. Squeeze lemon juice and orange juice from each fruit with a juicer or with your hands.

2. Pour the juice into a glass (don't forget to remove the seeds!)

3. Fill the the rest of the glass with ginger ale and ice cubes.

SHERBET SLURPER

- 3 scoops of your favorite sherbet
- 1 cup of milk

(You can use a blender or a shaker for this drink)

1. If you have a shaker, or a plastic container with

a tight fitting lid, place the sherbet and the milk inside and shake, shake, shake! This is very important because the sherbet must be completely melted and mixed with the milk.

2. If you use a blender, ask an adult to place the milk and sherbet in the blender and turn it on to the highest speed for 1-2 minutes or until mixture is melted.

3. Pour mixture from shaker or blender to glass.

STRAWBERRY-BANANA SUPREME

(You will need an adult's assistance for this drink.)

- $\frac{1}{2}$ banana
- 5 large strawberries
- 5-7 ice cubes
- 1 can or bottle of ginger ale

1. Place strawberries, banana and ice cubes in a blender on high speed until ingredients are completely crushed.

2. Fill a little more than half of the glass with the blended mixture.

3. Fill the rest with ginger ale.

Use your imagination for decorations — umbrellas made from construction paper and toothpicks, colored straws with funny designs, or decorate your glass with a tropical flair! Sliced orange, lime, lemon watermelon or honeydew on the edge of the glass adds a classy touch, or add a cherry to top your drink off. Enjoy!

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Recreation Programs

Thanks to Debbie Dick, Director, City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Keith Brothers, Recreation Coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (located at 36515 Bibbins in the downtown area) during its regular business hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

Scholarships Available

The Recreation Department offers partial scholarships for young people whose parents are unable to afford program fees. Information about family income must be supplied to determine eligibility; all information will be held in the strictest confidence. Part of the funding for these scholarships is provided by the Mayor's Drug Task Force.

Karate

Ages seven+ can take part in this 10-week session, which begins September 11. Monday/Wednesday classes will be held at the Middle School according to the following schedule:

- Beginning: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Advanced: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$30 for one person, \$55 for two family members, or \$75 for the family plan.

Tai-Chi

An new session of the Recreation Department's advanced tai-chi class will meet at the Center on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. beginning September 12. Students pay the instructor on the first night of class. (For fee information, call the Center.)

Low-impact Kickboxing

There's still time to sign up for the Recreation Department's new low-impact aerobics/kickboxing program, which will begin September 11. Classes will meet twice weekly (Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.) at Romulus Middle School. Cost of the 10-week program is \$72.

Clogging

A new 10-week clogging program will begin at Cory Elementary in the near future. (Call the Center for the next start date.) The Monday classes run from 6 to 7 p.m. for beginners; 7 to 8 p.m. for advanced students. Cost is \$20 per person.

Dance Classes

Session I of the Recreation Department's four-session dance program will begin the week of September 11 and conclude the week of October 30. Students may choose from among the following classes:

- preschool ballet (ages three to five): Mondays, 5 to 5:30 p.m.; \$25
 - ballet (ages six and up): Mondays, 5:30 to 6:15 p.m.; \$35
 - jazz (ages six and up): Mondays, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.; \$35
 - preschool tap (ages three to five): Wednesdays, 5 to 5:30 p.m.; \$25
 - combination dance (ages six and up): Wednesdays, 5:30 to 7 p.m.; \$45
 - tap (ages six and up): Wednesdays, 7:15 to 8 p.m.; \$35
 - advanced tap (ages six and up): Wednesdays, 8:15 to 9 p.m.; \$35.
- Monday classes are held at Romulus High School; Wednesday classes at the Recreation Center.

Session II will run the weeks of November 6 through January 8; Session III from January 22 through March 19; and Session IV (with recital) from March 26 through April 30. (Students must have participated in at least two of the previous three sessions to register for Session IV.)

Gymnastics

An eight-week program of gymnastics classes will begin the week of September 11 according to the following schedule:

- Ages three to five: Tuesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m., Recreation Center
- Ages six and up: Thursdays, 7:15 to 8 p.m., Romulus High School

Cost for each is \$50.

After-school Sports

The Romulus Recreation Department's after-school recreation program for students in grades three through six will begin Tuesday, September 5, at all elementary schools. Tuesday/Thursday sessions run until 5 p.m., when the bus will take students home. Participants will play soccer until the end of October; floor hockey will begin November 2.

The cost for the program is either \$50 for both sports plus a T-shirt or \$30 for one sport and a T-shirt.

Men's Drop-in Hoops

Adult men who reside in Romulus (proper I.D. required) are invited to play drop-in basketball at Romulus Middle School from 8 to 10 p.m. each Tuesday. Cost is \$2 per evening.

Cheer America

Registration for the Recreation Department's Cheer America program for youths ages 4 to 15 will be held at Barth Elementary School on Wednesday, September 20, at 6 p.m. Classes will meet at Barth each Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per evening.

Youth Basketball

Registration for the Youth Basketball League will begin in November. Players will be grouped into the following divisions:

- third- and fourth-grade boys
- fifth- and sixth-grade boys
- elementary-age girls
- middle-school boys
- middle-school girls
- high-school boys
- high-school girls

A \$25-per-student cost includes a team shirt.

Volunteers are needed to act as team coaches and assistants. For more information, contact the Recreation Department.

Ceramics

Choose between afternoon (1 to 3 p.m.) and evening (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.) ceramics classes held at the Recreation Center each Monday. Fees for this ongoing program are charged on a per-evening basis.

Quilters Welcome!

The Romulus Recreation Department is inviting all quilters and "quilter wannabes" to drop in at the Center on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. for this ongoing program. A small per-evening fee is charged. □

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21st Century Center: Year-one Update

The Romulus 21st Century Community Learning Center is excited to begin its second year of service to the local community. During the upcoming year, the center will continue to provide daily after-school enrichment classes. Plans call for the following tentative schedule for this fall.

Merriman Elementary Site

- Cartooning (Mondays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for grades K-3 and 5:45 to 6:45 for grades 4-6)
- Pom Pom (Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for grades 4-6)
- Bead Buddies Club (Wednesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.)
- Tae Kwon Do (Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m.)
- Reading (Mondays-Thursdays, 45-minute sessions)
- Homework Help (Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m.)
- Boys & Girls Club After-school Program (daily until 8:30 p.m.)
- Health, Family, & You dinners (once a month)

Wick Elementary Site

- Ann Arbor Art Center ArtVentures (Mondays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.)
- Cartooning (Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 for grades K-3 and 5:45 to 6:45 for grades 4-6)

- Dance (Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 for grades K-3 and 5:45 to 6:45 for grades 4-6)
- Pom Pom (Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for grades 4-6)
- Bead Buddies Club (Thursdays, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 to 5:45 p.m.)
- Reading (Mondays-Thursdays, 45-minute sessions)
- Homework Help (Mondays-Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m.)
- Boys & Girls Club After-school Program (daily until 8:30 p.m.)
- Health, Family, & You dinners (once a month)

Romulus Middle School Site

- Film Club (Mondays & Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
- Animation (Mondays & Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
- Jewelry Making & Bead Works (Mondays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
- Dance (Tuesdays & Fridays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
- Choir (Wednesdays & Thursdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
- Ann Arbor Art Center ArtVentures (Wednesdays, 2:30 to 4 p.m.)
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REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 14, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, August 14, 2000, was called to order by President Michael Woods at 6:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. Administrator Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, was absent (excused).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

8/00/1 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

8/00/2 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 24, 2000 and the Study Session of August 8, 2000. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATION: Michael Bingaman, 4th-Grade Teacher, Wick Elementary School; Denise Harris, Bus Aide; Charissa (Laub) Keller, Resource Room Teacher, Halecreek Elementary School; Tracy Kurtzhals, 5th-Grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School; Anne C. Lybjk, 4th-Grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School; Floretta L. McNeil, History/Government & Aerobics Teacher, Community High School; and Catherine Navetta, 6th-Grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School.

8/00/3 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi to accept the resignations of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT: Dorene Swindle, Secretary, Barth Elementary School.

8/00/4 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to accept retirement of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT: Heather F. Bradlee, 6th-Grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 28, 2000; Ethel Carver, Computer Teacher, Community High, Effective August 28, 2000; Staci M. Constant, 4th-Grade Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective August 28, 2000; Susan M. Cooper, Language-Arts Teacher, Community High, Effective August 28, 2000; Michele DeLeo, 5th-Grade Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, Effective August 28, 2000; Linda Fugate, Social Worker, Community High, Effective August 28, 2000; Lisa Handyside, Foreign-Language Teacher, Middle School, Effective August 28, 2000; Andrea S. Jurk, Special-Education Teacher, Self-Contained & Departmentalized, Middle School, Effective August 28, 2000; Kara A. Pluff, 4th-Grade Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective August 28, 2000; Jacklyn Skender, Special-Education Teacher, Self-Contained Classroom, Middle School, Effective August 28, 2000; Channon Washington, History/Government Teacher, Community High, Effective August 28, 2000; and Laura Wooten-LaFranier, Language-Arts Teacher, Middle School, Effective August 28, 2000.

8/00/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the employment of personnel as presented by Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Non-Union Pay Adjustment

8/00/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi to accept the recommendation Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, to approve an increase for non-union hourly staff for the 2000-2001 school year as submitted, inclusive of Parent Coordinators. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

8/00/7 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. William A. Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Construction Status Update

Mr. Todd Ketola of Barton Malow Construction was present to update the Board of Education on the construction projects and timelines. **Protective Fencing Around Site:** Received approval from City to continue work. **Bids:** Low bidders on budget; will return to Board on August 28 with recommendations on award of contracts. **Athletic Fields:** Unforeseen soil conditions and rain; sealer coat to be spread this week. Press box scheduled for delivery this week. Still gearing up for September 8, even with the rain setbacks. **Burton Building:** Coming along; paint finished; cleanup still required. **Technology Report:** Computers set up and ready for beginning of school year.

Cafeteria Bids

8/00/8 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the milk bid to Tom Davis & Sons for the 2000-2001 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

8/00/9 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Cafeteria Manager and award the bread bid to Independent Bakery for the 2000-2001 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Policy - Web Site

8/00/10 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert that the Board of Education adopt the Web Site Policy as presented and attached. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Romulus Police Report, 1999-2000

Lieutenant James Rafalski from the Romulus Police Department presented the Board of Education with the 1999-2000 Report on Liaison and Cooperative Programs between the City of Romulus and Romulus Community Schools. School Safety Summit to be held in September. Lieutenant Rafalski to get information to Superintendent Carr.

Pregnant-person Report

8/00/11 Moved by Webb supported by Lenossi that the Board of Education participate in the Garden City program for pregnant persons for 2000-2001. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Competitive Marching Band

Informational item encouraging students' musical participation, with schedules provided to Board of Education.

MASB Election

8/00/12 Moved by Lenossi supported by McCraight to support Kevin Hollenbeck, Mary Kerwin, and Gary Scholten for Board of Directors for the Michigan Association of School Boards. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Mr. Dale Shelton, Romulus resident, addressed the Board of Education concerning tax reduction (hold harmless, industrial, and residential taxes) and cable TV. Would like to see better cleanup programs - Barth Elementary School. To meet with Superintendent Carr regarding concerns on funds used for retirement buy-outs.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel Carr, Superintendent of Schools, provided the Board of Education with: 1) communication from Mr. Rod Hanna concerning the Driver Education summer program; 2) communication regarding donation by Jackson-Dawson of nine desktop computers to the classroom of Mr. Ed Horn, teacher, Romulus High School; and 3) copies of all Elementary Student Handbooks for the 2000-2001 school year.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

The Board of Education commended Betty Lenossi, Alfaye Woods, Michael Woods, and Phyllis Adkins on a job well done in their presentation on behalf of Romulus Community Schools on *The Mayor's Chair*.

Debbie Dick remarked on the High School sign being installed.

Alan Lambert discussed cable television and committee meeting.

Michael Woods recommended that all committees need to meet and come up with recommendations for the Board of Education.

Kenneth Berlinn stated that recommendations should be made to the Policy Committee regarding the number of days students should be allowed to be out of school.

Eva Webb notified Board of Education about the New Elementary School Committee (Naming Committee) meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2000 from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Board of Education office.

Executive Session

8/00/13 Moved by Lenossi supported by Lambert that the Board of Education convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:06 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:28 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

8/00/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by McCraight that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva W. Webb, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

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Date of Wedding _____
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Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): _____

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark
Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Bake/Rummage Sale
Whispering Willows apartments (located at 11100 Wayne Road, across from City Hall) invites the public to attend its annual bake and rummage sale, to be held *inside the building* from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, October 6, and Saturday, October 7.

Flu Shots
Mark your calendar and roll up your sleeve for your yearly flu shot, which will be available at the Senior Center on Monday, October 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For those who have Medicare "A" and "B," there is no charge; all others must pay a \$5 fee. (To ensure that enough serum will be available, the Center is asking those who plan to get a shot to call ahead and preregister.)

Ice-cream Social
Mayor William Oakley is inviting local seniors to come down to the Center at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, for an old-fashioned ice-cream social. Those who wish to attend are urged to sign up now so that there will be plenty of goodies on hand.

September Luncheon
A delicious catered meal of baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, sweet-sour pork, rice, veggies, dessert, and beverages is only \$5.50 at the Senior Center's next luncheon, set for Friday, September 22. Sign up at the Center.

Computer Classes
The first of three free intermediate-level computer classes for senior citizens will begin September 12, meeting once weekly for eight weeks. Space is limited to 10 students per session, so immediate sign-up is recommended.

Cedar Point
A few seats still remain for seniors who would like to go to Cedar Point on Saturday, September 23. Additional information regarding cost, departure times, etc., is available at the Center. Sign up now.

Shopping
For a transportation fee of just \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens can ride the Center's van for shopping at the Meijer and Wal-Mart stores in Monroe, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Since space is limited, seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment of the transportation fee reserves your seat. No refunds will be made unless there is a waiting list. Sign up at the Center.

- Special Trips**
Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.
- **Houghton Lake Cruise**
(October 6; \$86),
 - **Mackinac Island**
(October 22-25; \$519),
 - **Soaring Eagle Casino**
(October 24; \$21),
 - **Cornwell's Dinner Theatre**
(November 17; \$56), and
 - **Niagara Falls w/Casino Niagara**
(December 7-8; \$119).

Outside Chore Service
Area young people doing community-service work are available to perform outside chores for senior citizens each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make arrangements to receive this service, call the Center.

Crime Watch
Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department will be at the Romulus Senior Center from 9 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, for the Center's monthly Crime Watch program. New faces are always welcome.

Haircuts
The next date for the Romulus Senior Center's haircut service is Monday, September 18, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment.

Note: All haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

Center Offers Transportation Service
Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

Hot Lunch
For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance. ☐

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